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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Katsunori Hayashi

Application No.: 10/822,116

Filed: April 8, 2004

For: Disk Array Apparatus and Power
Backup Method for the Same

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 1717

Examiner: unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2655

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
SUBMITTED WITH PETITION TO
MAKE SPECIAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In connection with the Petition to Make Special submitted herewith, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.